

A Message from the Mayor

The City of Baltimore is prepared for winter weather. Mobility is important in our city and you have our pledge that we will do the best job possible to make our streets passable.

But we need your help. We ask that you move your vehicle so snowplows can clear the roads. We also ask you to shovel your sidewalks, clear area storm drains and help neighbors who may need assistance.

Remember, your city government is here to assist you, and together we can clear Baltimore's streets and sidewalks.

Have a safe winter!

- Martin O'Malley, Mayor

A Message from the Director

Keeping Baltimore moving safely is our goal. As the winter season approaches, the Department of Transportation renews its commitment to keeping city streets safe and passable.

During a winter storm, citizens should remain patient and drive cautiously. The Department of Transportation, along with the Departments of Public Works and Recreation and Parks will do our part to make travel safe in the city. Citizens should remember to remove vehicles from designated snow emergency routes whenever Phase II of the Snow Emergency Plan is in effect. With your help, our snow removal efforts will be truly successful.

Drive carefully for a safe winter!

- Alfred H. Foxx, Director



SNOW EMERGENCY PHASES

Phase One (I)



Requires that vehicles have snow tires, all weather radials or chains. Police will issue citations to those without.



Citizens can greatly assist the Department of Transportation by removing vehicles from designated Snow Emergency Routes before Phase II of the Snow Emergency Plan is activated.

Phase Two (II)



Requires that vehicles have snow tires, all weather radials or chains.



Parking is prohibited on designated snow emergency routes.



Snow emergency routes are clearly marked and vehicles parked along these designated roadways during a snow emergency will be ticketed and towed.



Vehicles will be impounded if they are parked along major routes in the downtown area.



In neighborhoods, vehicles are relocated to suggested alternative parking areas such as schools or recreational facilities.



Additional parking is available to citizens at area schools that have parking lots and are located along a snow emergency route. Log onto www.396SNOW.com for a complete list of these locations.

Phase Three (III)



Permits emergency vehicles only on city streets.

During a storm, main roads are cleared as a priority to allow emergency vehicles to pass. Efforts will then be focused on secondary and neighborhood streets so that citizens are able to move throughout their communities.

ROADWAY CONDITIONS

SNOW COVERED



Street is covered with snow.

PASSABLE

Street is able to be driven through, but not necessarily plowed. Probably treated with salt.



PLOWED



Snow has been pushed to the sides of the street, leaving one to two inches of snow on the roadway or

cleared down to the blacktop. Streets are also treated with salt.

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Snow Removal Changes

In order to better serve the citizens of Baltimore, the Department of Transportation has revised the city's snow removal plan. After almost a year of evaluation and planning, improvements to the snow removal plan include:

- ❄ Updated maps to better direct plow drivers within each snow zone.
- ❄ Improved reporting and tracking programs to efficiently manage snow removal efforts.
- ❄ Better coordination of snow removal efforts with the State on such roads as Interstate 83.
- ❄ The elimination of certain snow emergency routes to increase available parking for residents.
- ❄ Designated time-of-day parking restrictions along select snow emergency routes to provide parking on alternating sides of the street during snow emergencies.
- ❄ Additional parking for citizens at area schools located along snow emergency routes that are equipped with parking lots.

These improvements set the standard for more efficient snow removal operations in Baltimore. Citizens are encouraged to pay close attention to the parking restrictions posted on Snow Emergency Route signs within their communities, as they may have changed. The Department of Transportation is committed to keeping Baltimore's streets passable during a storm!

The Department of Transportation would like to remind residents that during daylight hours, snow should be cleared from sidewalks within three hours from the end of a storm. Failure to comply may result in a \$15 fine.

Winter Weather Tips

- ❄ Do not drive in severe weather unless absolutely necessary.
- ❄ Before driving, clear your vehicle of snow, especially the windows, mirrors and lights. Keep emergency driving supplies in your vehicle.
- ❄ While driving, keep a safe distance from snowplows and do not try to pass them.
- ❄ If possible, utilize off-street parking, such as a driveway or parking pad.
- ❄ Keep Residential Permit Parking stickers visible.
- ❄ Remember to turn off your vehicle when not in use. Leaving your vehicle idle can pose a danger to you and your family.
- ❄ Clear snow from storm drains and fire hydrants.
- ❄ Tune to your local news, log onto www.396snow.com or call (410) 396-SNOW for updated information during a winter storm.



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